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MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Wednesday, September 26, 2018 10:30 a.m. Room 327 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative Barrett, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Barrett, Alexander, Lauwers, Howell, Albert, Calley, Frederick, Elder, Phelps, Sabo, Sneller, Cambensy.

ABSENT/EXCUSED: None.

Representative Lauwers made a motion to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on June 6th, 2018. No objections being offered, the minutes were accepted as presented.

The Chair laid HB 6122 before the committee.

HB 6122 (Barrett) Environmental protection; solid waste; soil from sugar beet production; increase allowable moisture level.

Ray Van Driessche, representing the Michigan Sugar Company, testified in support of the bill.

Matt Blakely, representing the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, testified with a neutral position on the bill.

The following individuals submitted a card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak:

Matt Smego, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau.

Andy Such, representing the Michigan Manufacturers Association.

The Chair laid HB 6330, HB 6331, and HB 6380 before the committee.

HB 6330 (Lauwers) Agriculture; industrial hemp; licensing and oversight program for industrial hemp; establish.

HB 6331 (Johnson) Controlled substances; marihuana; definitions of industrial hemp and marihuana; modify.

HB 6380 (Lauwers) Marihuana; facilities; industrial hemp; exclude from definition of marihuana plant and require the department to promulgate certain rules.

Vice-Chair Alexander moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 6330. The motion prevailed 11-0-1.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Barrett, Alexander, Lauwers, Howell, Albert, Calley, Frederick, Elder, Sabo, Sneller, Cambensy. (11/12)

Nays: None. (0/12)

Pass: Representative Phelps. (1/12) (11/0/1)

Vice-Chair Alexander moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 6331. The motion prevailed 11-0-1.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Barrett, Alexander, Lauwers, Howell, Albert, Calley, Frederick, Elder, Sabo, Sneller, Cambensy. (11/12)

Nays: None. (0/12)

Pass: Representative Phelps. (1/12) (11/0/1)

Vice-Chair Alexander assumed the gavel, the time being 10:50 a.m.

Representative Lauwers and Representative Johnson testified in support of the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Matt Blakely, representing the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, testified with a neutral position on the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Chairman Barrett assumed the gavel, the time being 11:17 a.m.

Jonathan Miller, representing the United States Hemp Roundtable, testified in support of the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Rebecca Park, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau, submitted a card in support of the bills in concept, but did not wish to speak.

There being no additional business before the committee, Chair Barrett declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 11:32 a.m.

Representative Tom Barrett, Chair

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